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To Whom It May Concern on the Redevelopment Board,

I am writing as a resident of Arlington regarding the proposed branch of Chase Bank where Not Your Average Joe's used to be on MA Ave in Arlington Center. I sincerely hope that the location does not become a bank of any sort. To be frank-- in Arlington we have so many banks. I am very, very tired of seeing so many store fronts taken up with financial institutions. The location of the property is one of the best in Arlington-- right across from the library, in the heart of the center, with a huge space. It should be used for something that the community can engage with-- not yet another bank. There is already a large Citizen's Bank on one side of the block, and a large Bank of America property on the other side. Yet another bank in such a prime real estate location would be a waste of an opportunity to invite a business with real value to residents. We need restaurants, shops, and other businesses that invite folks to linger in the center. Businesses that the community wants to patronize. Locations that are fun to browse, or comfortable to gather. We don't need yet another reason to drive by our most accessible, valuable commercial real estate.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Sincerely,
Sarah Tuttle

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